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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3598

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ISTANBUL

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR KS FR TU SA IR

SUBJ: ROK PRIMIN GOODWILL TOUR

1. ROK PRIMIN CH'OE KYU-HA AND PARTY OF NINETEEN OFFICIALS AND PRESS DEPART MONDAY, MAY 2 FOR VISITS TO FRANCE AND MIDDLE EASTERN NATIONS. PRIMIN'S PARTY WILL STOP IN PARIS MAY 3-4, CONTINUING TO ISTANBUL MAY 4-7, TEHRAN MAY 7-11, JIDDA MAY 11-15, WINDING UP TOUR AGAIN IN PARIS MAY 15-17. OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING PRIMIN WILL INCLUDE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHANG YE-CHUN, VICE FONMIN YUN HA-CHONG, PRIMIN SPECIAL ASSISTANT CHONG TONG-YOL, PRIMIN PRESS SECRETARY SO KI-WON, MOFA AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST BUREAU DIRECTOR NO YONG-CH'AN, AND MCI INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROMOTION BUREAU CHIEF NO CHIN-SIK.

2. MOFA SAYS TRIP WILL BE LARGELY CEREMONIAL AND THAT  
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RPIMIN AND PARTY WILL MEET HEADS OF STATE AND OTHER OFFICIALS AT EACH STOP. MOFA HAS DECLINED TO CONFIRM PESS STORIES PRIMIN WILL DISCUSS PROBLEM OF ROK CONSTRUCTION WORKERS LABOR UNREST IN SAUDI ARABIA, BUT ASST MINISTER EPB SUH SUK JOON HAS DONE SO. THIS SUBJECT WAS THOROUGHLY VENTILATED BY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SIN HYON-HWAK AND MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION KIM CHAE-KYU DURING

RECENT VISIT, BUT PRIMIN WILL ADD HIS ASSURANCES OF ROKG  
PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RECURRENCE TO THOSE ALREADY GIVEN.

3. PRIMIN CH'OE, IN HIS FORMER CAPACITY AS PRESIDENTIAL  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TRAVELED TO IRAN  
AND SAUDI ARABIA THREE TIMES AS PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY TO  
SECURE ROK ACCESS TO PETROLEUM DURING OIL CRISIS 1973-75.  
MCI CHANG'S INCLUSION IN PRIMIN'S PARTY INDICATES DISCUSSIONS  
OF ENERGY RESOURCES WILL AGAIN BE HIGH ON AGENDA, BOTH IN  
MID EAST AND PROBABLY IN PARIS AS WELL.

4. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE PARTY WILL SEEK CONTACT WITH  
U.S. EMBASSIES EN ROUTE, GIVEN LARGELY BI-LATERAL NATURE  
OF ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES. SHOULD SUCH CONTACT OCCUR,  
HOWEVER, REQUEST COURTESIES AS APPROPRIATE.  
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